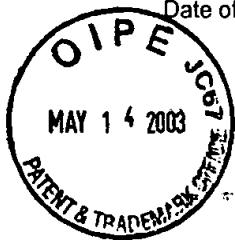


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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of November 14, 2002, paper number not indicated, the assignee of the entire right and interest ("Assignee") respectfully submits the following Amendment and Response After Final Rejection with regard to the above-mentioned patent application (the "Pending Application") and earnestly requests that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

REMARKS

Substance of the March 17, 2003 Interview:

On March 17, 2003 Susan D. Reinecke (the "undersigned") conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner and with Supervisory Patent Examiner Marsha D. Banks-Harold (the "Interview"). An Interview Summary, summarizing the Interview was mailed March 24, 2003. The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner and